

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant :	Beane et al.	Art Unit :	3734
Serial No. :	10/613,502	Examiner :	Eric D. Blatt
Filed :	July 3, 2003	Conf. No. :	4420
Title :	SURGICAL SUTURE PLACEMENT DEVICE		

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

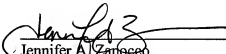
Responsive to the action mailed January 10, 2008, applicant elects the invention of Group 1 drawn to the embodiment of a surgical suture placement device and corresponding to claims 1-14. The election is made without traverse.

Applicant respectfully requests that if the Examiner finds the elected device claims to be allowable, that the non-elected method claims that require all of the limitations of the device claims be rejoined per MPEP § 821.04(b).

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Respectfully submitted,

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